

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT THE
IRISH CENTRE ON TUESDAY, 5TH JULY 1983.

Present: Fr. Malone, Fr. Fullam, Sr. Anne-Marie, M Kenny, D Daly, T Dunne,
F Aherne, J Troy, D Quinn.

In Attendance: Fr. McCabe, D Ambrose

Apologies: None

MINUTES LAST MEETING

Amendments:

D Ambrose advised that he had resigned as a Committee Member at the last meeting but had been asked to remain on as an adviser. Fr. Malone confirmed.

It is Fr. Gordon rather than Fr. Malone who is putting on "Kickham" in Tipperary in aid of the Centre.

T Dunne proposed, P Judge seconded that minutes be taken as read.
Carried.

MATTERS ARISING

Security Firm dismissed.

Following a meeting with the Management Committee J O'Shea has resigned and will leave on 24th July 1983. Assistant Manager is also leaving, prior to Mr O'Shea.

A stock discrepancy of £600 was reported over a five week period.

The stocks are to be checked again in earliest course.

Fr. Malone proposed that the Committee formally thank O'Shea and Hickey for their efforts.

The Chairman endorsed the proposal and P Judge seconded.

The letter of thanks will issue after the stock take.

It was emphasised that the discrepancy was no reflection on the Manager and Assistant Manager who are considered honest.

D Ambrose proposed that a record should be taken of the Management Meeting as a result of which the Manager and Assistant Manager resigned and that indeed records be taken of all such personnel matters.

The Chairman advised that this was done.

P Judge proposed and D Quinn seconded the motion of support for the Chairman in his handling of the Management Meeting. Carried.

Fr. Malone has interviewed an individual, recommended by an ex-committee member, to replace O'Shea and Hickey on a temporary basis.

After discussion P Judge proposed, D Daly seconded a motion that on Tuesday 19th July at lunch time a sub-committee, composed of Fr. Malone, the Chairman,

Vice Chairman and an experienced publican known to Fr. Malone, should interview the candidate already referred to and, if the Committee deems him suitable, to hire him for not more than three months.

D Daly made an official complaint of the change of location of the meeting to 12 Murray Street.

She, as Secretary, had not been advised as a result she was late at the meeting.

Fr. Malone introduced Fr. McCabe who is to deputise for him during his leave.

A motion proposed by Fr. Malone, seconded by T Dunne and Sr. Anne-Marie that Fr. McCabe be authorised to sign cheques in Fr. Malone's absence was carried and the Bank will be instructed accordingly.

CORRESPONDENCE

Donations are coming in as a result of the Irish Post advertisement for the Cycle Ride - £1,500 has been received to date including a cheque for £1,000.

The Insurance Company has accepted the claim re the recent burglary.

Our Solicitors sought instructions re recovery of a bad debt for £540.

After discussion T Dunne proposed and D Daly seconded that it be written off. The motion was carried but it was agreed that Committee Members should continue to consider recovery means short of putting in a bailiff.

D Daly volunteered to be the Committee's Liaison Officer on the GLC Minorities Group.

The Charity Commissioners have recognised the Festival as a Charity: Number 287284.

There will be a meeting on the 18th July 1983 at 8.30 p.m. in the Centre to set up a Company Limited by Guarantee to run the Festival in future. The meeting will also dispose of the proceeds of the 1982 Festival.

Fr. Malone sought approval to go to contract stage on the refurbishment of the Kennedy lounge.

An estimate has been received to give it an Irish American flavour for £8,450, not including furniture.

£11,000 has been collected to date to be applied specifically to the project.

T Dunne proposed and P Judge seconded that Fr. Malone be given the necessary approved.

Carried.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Fr. Butler has left for Ireland. He will be accompanied by M Kenny, D Daly, Mr & Mrs Doyle.

The Lord Mayor of Camden will also be helping.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Welfare: Sr. Anne-Marie

Fund Raising: Sr. Anne-Marie and T Dunne - to collate fund raising approach and set up fund raising sub-committee.

Publicity: T Dunne. D Ambrose advised liaison with the Catholic Information Service.

LBC PHONE IN

Discussion on the recent phone in in which the Chairman spoke for 15 minutes.

D Daly proposed that Centre seeks a right of reply to allegations by a caller on the programme that the Irish Centre funds were used to build houses in Ireland.

T Dunne suggested that Fr. Butler should appear on LBC following his Cycle Ride.

Radio Children has given favourable publicity to the Centre.

